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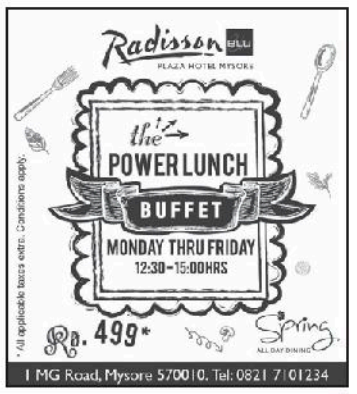

Vacant plots above 1,000 sq.ft. adjoining a building taxable

- Property Tax to be hiked by 15 percent from tomorrow
- Five percent rebate if taxes are paid by April 30

A vacant site in Dattagalli cleaned by MCC recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (SBD & BCT)- The revised 15 percent hike in Property Tax of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will come into effect from tomorrow (Apr. 1) and henceforth one has to pay for vacant plots above 1,000 square feet.

The public notification issued by the MCC stated that vacant plots adjoining a building that is higher than 1,000 sq.ft. would attract a Property Tax that is fixed at 0.2 percent of the original price (not more than 0.5 percent) of the building.

The MCC has in fact re-started the system of extracting tax for vacant plots next to a building that is above 1,000 sq.ft. Similar tax was being levied in 2005 but the MCC had abandoned the system following opposition. Though the MCC officials are claiming that the tax structure has been formulated without burdening the residents, it is sure to add to the existing revenues to the perennially cash-strapped civic body.

All City Corporations have been directed by the Directorate of Municipal Administration to revise Property Taxes as per the amended Karnataka Municipal Act-1976 Col. 108, 109 and Col. 109 (A). Accordingly, the MCC placed the proposal to increase the Property Tax by 15 percent and had got the approval from the Council too in the meeting held on Mar. 26.

Property Tax had to be revised in 2020 after it was increased in 2017. The MCC could not do so due to Coronavirus contagion. The MCC had set a target of collecting Property Tax amounting to Rs. 150 crore from 1,83,949 properties and now with a 15 percent hike, the MCC will gain Rs. 180.34 crore with an addition of Rs. 30 crore.

'Commercial B' exempt

The MCC has already scrapped 'super commercial' category (with a high tax burden) and bring kalyana mantaps, choultries, cinemas, malls and hotels under a new commercial category — 'commercial B' — with a revised property tax structure.

(See PLOTS on page 7)

Property Tax payment online only, says MCC

- Visit website : https://mysurucitycorporation.co.in/WebSiteMysuru/Home.aspx
- Vacant site cleaning charges Re. 1 per sq.ft. for 20X30 plot; Rs. 2 for above 20X30 sites

MCC Zonal Offices display notices on total plastic ban and Property Tax collection from April 1.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (SBD&BCT)- While collecting Property Tax from tomorrow, there won't be any offline payment. While property owners can pay taxes online from the comforts of their homes, even if they come to the Main Office or Zonal Offices of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), there will be online payment only. There will not be any ledger entry like before and all data will be entered into a computer.

"We will not accept offline payment like before. Even the receipts for Property Tax payment will be issued online and property owners can take print out later," MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Nagaraj told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Regarding cleaning charges for vacant sites across the city, he said that along with Health Cess, Beggary Cess, Library Cess and Solid Waste Management Cess, property owners have to pay cleaning charges if they own vacant sites.

(See TAX on page 7)

Re-looking into MRC land lease, Govt. tells HC

Advocate General seeks a week's time; next hearing on April 7

Bengaluru, Mar. 31 (BCT)- The State Government has told the Karnataka High Court (HC) that it was re-examining the possibilities of taking back the leased out land to Mysore Race Club (MRC).

"We are re-looking into the issue of taking back the lease of 139.39 acres of land owned by Public Works Department in Survey Number 4 and 74 at Kurubarahalli in Mysuru. We need a week's time in this regard," Advocate General of Karnataka Prabhuling K. Navadagi told the Court yesterday.

The Advocate General submitted before the High Court Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty while hearing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Bengaluru-based advocate S. Umapathi challenging the Government decision to extend the lease of land to the MRC.

After taking an undertaking from the Advocate General, the Bench posted the hearing to April 7.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning over phone from Bengaluru, advocate Umapathi said that Prabhuling K. Navadagi told the Bench that the State authorities would re-examine the Government Order of the lease.

"The Advocate General told the Court that the Government had met on Mar. 29 and we need one week's time to re-examine the order and re-issue a fresh order. **It looks like the Government will not withdraw the lease order but might impose certain additional terms and conditions on the existing lease," Umapathi said.**

(See MRC on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 31st March 2021

Bags Woman Achiever Award

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Mysuru's **Anupama Rao** was honoured with the Woman Achiever Award-2021 by ACP Kavitha Kariappa, Traffic-Bangalore East, in recognition of her achievement in the field of Classical Dance, on the occasion of International Women's Day at Bengaluru recently.

The programme was organised by Smriti Sadhana, a social service organisation in Bengaluru.

Anupama Rao is a student of Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan of Bhushan's Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation in Mysuru.

Karnataka Best Classical Dancer 2019 and *Mrs. India Karnataka Mysore Most Talented 2019.*

She has been an active performer in Bharatanatyam for the past seven years and has given more than a hundred performances in the country so far.

She has recently appeared for the Natya Visharade Poorna Exams-2021 conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Mumbai.

Anupama is also the recipient of titles such as *Mrs. India*

'Individual Championship' in Athletic Meet

Mysuru, Mar. 31- **M.A. Anagha**, a 2nd PU student of Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, has bagged 'Individual Championship' in Athletic Meet organised by the Department of PU Education, Mysuru district, at Oval Grounds recently. She has won 1st prize in High-Jump and Triple-Jump events.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A girl from a sleepy town of Uttar Pradesh was selected for the Indian Administrative Service (IAS). Her first assignment was that of a Joint Magistrate. One day, when she went to her office, she found a sealed envelope filled with currency notes. She summoned the chief clerk to her office who said this was quite normal and would come in every month. She returned the envelope but the clerk insisted that this was par for the course. Shocked by this incident, the young woman sought advice from a senior officer. This is all part of the system, said the official. Those who follow this *dastoor* ***and*** *dastoori* ***(convention and kickback) face no problem. The lower strata of our administrative system is politically so powerful that the rule of law cannot be implemented so easily, it would seem. Years later, the same officer achieved a higher position in the State. She had set new standards of this kind of*** *dastoor* ***and*** *dastoori* ***during her long tenure. In the early days of my career, this story used to surprise me. However, later this surprise turned into a growing belief that there are key elements of continuity in Government systems, irrespective of the political party in office or which officer is at the helm.*** *— Shashi Shekhar in Hindustan Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Takes 24 years to turn barren land into green forest

Central Java: Once called as a madman and laughed at by members of his community, an Indonesian man spent 24 years of his life to turn 250 hectares of barren hillsides around his home into a lush green forest.

Sadiman, is the Indonesian man, who single handedly brought a forest back to life. It all began in the early 1990s, but can be traced back to the 1960s. It was then that great forest fires ravaged the forests on the southern slope of Lawu Mountain, in Central Java, turning hundreds of hectares forest to ash and leaving barren hills in their place. It was then Sadiman took it upon himself to bring back the forest and create a better life for him and his community.

He spent every day planting banyan and ficus saplings in the barren hills around his village. He knew that these two species were very good at retaining water and was convinced that enough plant life could put an end to the droughts. And he was right.

This female player is actually a man

Jakarta: For years, Aprilia Santini Manganang and the Indonesian Women's Volleyball Association had been fighting off accusations that she was actually a man, but this year, Manganang was finally confirmed to actually be male.

A member of Indonesia's national women's volleyball team, Aprilia Manganang also played in several local club teams in Indonesia, as well as in Thailand. Manganang won multiple Most Valuable Player awards in her career and helped the Indonesian national team win the bronze and silver medals at different editions of the Southeast Asian Games (SEA). But her amazing achievements were always put into question, because of how she looked.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Diabetes and hypertension increase the risk of chronic kidney disease. Cardiac problems, and obesity adds to the risk. Few prevention tips include: Following a healthy diet regime, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, avoiding smoking and managing diabetes, high blood pressure& heart disease.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant Nephrologyogy

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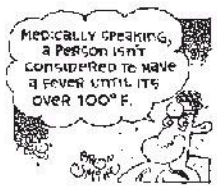
**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***



The cells of the body begin to die at 106 degrees Fahrenheit (41 C). At that temperature, the body would have to be immediately cooled down in order to survive.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 29	MAR. 30
Day's Positive Cases	110	111
Total Positive Cases	55,557	55,668
Day's Discharges	73	61
Total Discharges	53,888	53,949
Day's Deaths	2	3
Total Deaths	1,051	1,054
Total Active Cases	618	665

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The **University of Mysore** has awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology to **K.C. Prema** for her thesis 'Chikkaballapura Taluku Parisarada Devalayagalu — Ondu Samskruthika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. C.E. Lokesha].

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Information Sciences to **Wahida Banu** for her thesis 'Programming environment for high performance computing' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N. Nandini.

M.S. Nandini was awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Information Sciences by VTU for her thesis 'Recognition of context sensitive semantics of Phonetically indistinguishable word: A new strategy on lip reading.'

REALLY...?

- ***Beavers can hold their breath for 45 minutes under water.***
- ***A honey bee can fly at 15mph. Bees have 5 eyes. Bees are insects, so they have 6 legs. Number of eggs laid by queen: 2,000 per day is the highest. Bees have been here about 30 million years!***
- ***Foragers must collect nectar from about 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey. The average forager makes about 1/12 th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Math Teacher: *If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?*

Student: *A drinking problem !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.50
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.01
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.12

VOICE OF THE READER

MCC's site cleaning tax:
A shocker to senior citizen !

Sir,

I was born, brought up and educated in Mysuru but now I am staying with my son in Bengaluru after I retired recently.

I own a 40x60 site in Dattagalli. Last year (2019-2020), I had paid Rs. 3,270 as site tax to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) after MUDA had handed over the Layout to them.

The site tax for the year 2020-2021 is Rs. 7,001, which includes a shocking Rs. 4,800 as SWM cleaning charges.

In its efforts to keep the city clean, it was shocking and atrocious that the Corporation has added another Rs. 4,800 as SWM cleaning charges, bringing the total amount to Rs. 7,001.

MCC is overburdening the citizens by charging nearly three times the amount for cleaning the vacant sites as I had engaged a JCB some months ago to clean my site for Rs. 1,800 only. This is nothing but daylight robbery.

As a retired senior citizen, could I humbly request the City Corporation to be reasonable and reduce the charges to a nominal amount for the benefit of all? Alternatively, the amount already paid for Rs. 4,800 can be adjusted for the next 2 years, helping senior citizens like me and the general public.

—Niraj
on e-mail

Bengaluru
29.3.2021

Rampant corruption in MCC Zonal Offices: Make applications online

Sir,

I would like to bring it to the notice of senior authorities concerned that corruption has crossed the limits in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zonal Offices. For any request or a service, these people are charging heavy bribes by brainwashing gullible people who have limited knowledge on the Government procedures.

Mostly, an agent is hired by some of these officials and they deal with customers through these agents. They also confuse by creating some fake stories which eventually petrifies people and victimises them. (They allegedly say that documents might get misplaced or lost if they delay as per the Government timelines, so pay bribe and get the documents within 2-3 days). It's really hard to even obtain a simple document such as Khata transfer letter or Residential proof from these offices.

Hence, I request the authorities to keep an eye on these officials and also make the Government procedures more transparent to the public.

Online applications with online payment and strict timelines would be a possible solution to limit alleged corruption.

— Nihad

Sawday Road
20.3.2021

Corrections & Clarifications

In the news item titled ***MLA Tanveer Sait fetes Philanthrophist-Pharmacist Raghavan,*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 24 on page-2, it was inadvertently mentioned in the last para that *"Former Deputy Mayors Anwar Baig and C. Sridhar... and others were present."* It may please be read as *"Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig* ***(extreme right in the pic.)****, former Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar... and others were present."* The error is regretted. **— Ed.**

Mysureans show scant respect for Govt's safety protocol

- No impact of COVID-19 second wave on crowd
- Sub-Registrar Offices abuzz with activities

Mysuru, Mar.31 (PM&SSV)- Warning by medical experts on COVID-19 second wave seems to have had no impact on Mysureans if a large gathering at the Office of Sub-Registrar (East) was of any indication.

A big crowd was witnessed at this Office on Tuesday with no sign of social distancing. The State Government's strict direction to people to follow the prescribed safety protocol has no takers as people were jostling at the Office to get their work done.

The Office of Sub-Registrar (East) situated on Dr. Raj Kumar Road in Kalyanagiri was abuzz with activities with a large number of people inside the Office with no masks or social distancing. This has put a big question mark over the citizen's respect for the Government's directive issued in public interest.

Precaution taken

Ironically, the Officers at the Sub-Registrar's Office told *SOM* that they have taken all precautionary measures to check the spread of pandemic. Registration of properties was now less when compared to previous years. Even the crowd at the office was not much, they claimed.

A reality check revealed that similar situation prevailed in other Sub-Registrar Offices in Mini Vidhana Soudha (Mysuru North), Vijayanagar (West) and Ramakrishnanagar (South) with no private security guards to control the crowd.

Seeing people in large numbers, the Department Officers must introduce token system to avoid crowding inside the Office. Need of the hour was to make people aware about the safety measures announced by CM B.S. Yediyurappa recently.

"The Government Offices may become COVID-19 spreading factories if preventive steps were not taken immediately," warned some concerned citizens of Mysuru.

Tourist footfall to KRS sees a drastic drop

Mysuru, Mar.31 (RK & DM)- With the threat of second wave of COVID-19 looming large over the State, the number of tourists visiting the famed KRS Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, is reducing by the day, causing concern among officials, the Tourism industry and all other stakeholders.

The Dam used to witness 7,000 to 10,000 visitors everyday. But this number has come down alarmingly to just 700 to 750, which is only one tenth of the usual tourist footfall.

During normal days, tourists from neighbouring States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Goa used to visit the Dam. But making RT-PCR negative report submission compulsory for entry to the Dam has made the tourists stay away, according to officials of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL), which is incharge of the Dam.

Prior to COVID-19 induced lockdown, the KRS with its magnificent Brindavan Gardens, used to attract 7,000 visitors on normal days and 10,000 to 12,000 visitors on weekends and other public holidays. Even after relaxations, the dam used to record 3,000 to 4,000 visitors daily. But surge in COVID-19 cases and RT-PCR negative report mandatory for outstation visitors has taken a toll on tourist footfalls. The drastic drop in the number of tourists has had a cascading effect on the revenues of CNNL.

The sudden drop in revenue earnings has become a matter of concern for the CNNL, which is finding hard to meet maintenance and other overhead costs. The CNNL is facing revenue problems in other fronts too as many shops have shut down due to lack of business, while some others, which are open, are finding it difficult to pay rent.

The authorities fear that dwindling revenues might badly affect the CNNL's finances, which had just begun to look up in the post lockdown relaxation.

Not only KRS, but other popular tourist destinations in the vicinity of KRS such as Ranganathaswamy temple, Ranganathittu Bird sanctuary, Daria Daulat and Nimishamba temple, all in Srirangapatna taluk, too are facing a drastic fall in the number of tourists.

With tourist footfall decreasing by the day, the proposed plans of the Tourism Department for a Disneyland-like project at KRS may once again go into limbo.

NEWS BRIEFS

Online Lecture

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru, has organised an online lecture series on 'Vishnu Sahasranama' in simple English by Swami Hamsanandaji from 1st to 10th of every month between 6.30 am and 7.15 am from April, 2021. [Ph: 0821-2978516 or WhatsApp No: 80730-44870].

Police Flag Day

Mysuru City and District Police, in association with Mounted Police, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), KSRP 5th Battalion, Police Training School, DCRE, Lokayukta, ACB, CESC and ISD, Mysuru, has organised a programme on Apr. 2 at 8.30 am at CAR Grounds, Maharana Pratap Simha Road, behind Race Course in city to mark Police Flag Day. Retd. DIG P. Rajendra Prasad will receive the guard of honour.

Guest Lecturers

Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Guest Lecturers on a temporary basis (2020-21). Candidates having LLB and LLM degree with teaching experience are eligible to apply. Selected Guest Lecturers would teach Indian Constitution, which is one of the papers in second semester BVA course, weekly three-hour duration, from Apr. 19. Last date to apply is Apr. 9. [Ph: 0821-2438931]

Mass Upanayana

Prachodayat Vipra Sangha has organised Mass Upanayana for Vipra Vatus at Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, Vidyaranyapuram, on May 17. To register, contact Mob: 87110-43447 or Mob: 94480-63766.

MCC says 'no' to reimbursement of 'Super Commercial Tax' collected since 2008

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MK&SSV)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will now impose 'Commercial-B tax' on hotels, lodges, cinema halls, shopping malls and marriage halls instead of 'Super Commercial Tax', said Dr. Nagaraj, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), MCC.

Participating in a meeting with the owners of those commercial establishments at a choultry in Vishveshwaranagar here on Monday, he said that nowhere in the State, 'Super Commercial Tax' system existed. Understanding this, it was removed to bring all those commercial establishments under 'Commercial-B tax' net. Owners of these establishments had appealed to the MCC to do away this tax system and their demand had been fulfilled. This will save a tax of around Rs. 70,000 to Rs. 80,000 per owner annually, he added.

Dr. Nagaraj said that the Corporation was imposing an annual tax of 2.2816 percent after considering cost of land, building and others. Now, under 'Commercial-B tax' system, 1.70 percent tax will be levied annually. With this, 0.5816 percent tax has been cut. The change in the tax slab was consequent to a detailed debate in both Houses of the State Legislature. At the same time, the Government has instructed all Urban Local Bodies that the tax must not be less than previous year. In view of this, the Corporation has not imposed any new tax and has reduced it as much as possible.

He ruled out reimbursement of money remitted by those commercial establishments as per 'Super Commercial Tax' rate since 2008 and said that efforts will be made to reduce tax further.

M.R. Rajaram, President, Mysore Theatre Owners Association, the recently abolished 'Super Commercial Tax' never existed in any city including Bengaluru. "Is Mysuru bigger than Bengaluru. Will Mysuru do more business than Bengaluru. In spite of this, the MCC had imposed this kind of 'unscientific' tax system on us in 2008 and took 13 long years to abolish it. This showed that the MCC did not want traders to do business."

Vinay Venkatesh, Secretary, Mysuru Kalyan Mantap Owners Association, urged the Corporation officials to take up for discussion regarding reimbursement of this 'unscientific' tax in the General Body Meeting. The business has been hit hard in the last one year due to Corona pandemic.

N.M. Shashikumar, Additional Commissioner, MCC, T.S. Satyamurthy, Assistant Commissioner (Zone-3) and B.S. Prashanth, President, Mysuru Travels Association (MTA), were present.

> All Urban Local Bodies must have uniform tax rate. Traders must not be compelled to pay pending tax at the time of issuing Trade Licence. It is not proper on the part of MCC to say pay more tax at a time when business is developing slowly after one year slump due to COVID-19 pandemic.
>
> **—C. Narayanagowda, President, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association**

> I will discuss with officers on not collecting penalty while paying taxes in two instalments. Efforts will be made to help traders as much as possible.
>
> **—Shobha Mohan, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation, MCC**

No permission to hold agitation near DC's office: DCP Prakash Gowda

Dr. Prakash Gowda

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&SSV)- In the light of the State Government banning protest rallies, dharnas across the State for next 15 days, Mysuru Police Department will not allow any organisation or association to hold protest or dharna near the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office in city.

Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order), said that so far, none has approached the Department seeking permission to hold agitation since Monday. If an association or organisation holds protest near the DC's office, they will be convinced to call off protest by citing the Government rules. Whatever orders issued by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will be implemented strictly. Holding protest rallies or dharna in any part of the city will not be allowed, he added.

He said instead of staging dharna only four to five agitators will be allowed to submit memorandum to the authorities concerned. Instructions have been given to the Cops near the DC's office to strictly follow it.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	100.57 feet
Yesterday	:	100.71 feet
Inflow	:	216 cusecs
Outflow	:	460 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,264.80 feet
Inflow	:	87 cusecs
Outflow	:	750 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.73 feet
Inflow	:	38 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

Govt. transfers 18 Dy.SPs, 100 Police Inspectors

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&DM)- In a major shake up of the State Police force, the Government on Monday transferred 18 Dy.SPs and 100 Police Inspectors across the State.

According to the transfer list, Udayagiri Police Inspector N.M. Poonacha has been transferred to CCRB, Railway Police Inspector P.A. Sooraj to ACB (Anti Corruption Bureau) and P.K. Raju, who was serving at CCRB, to Udayagiri Police Station of the city.

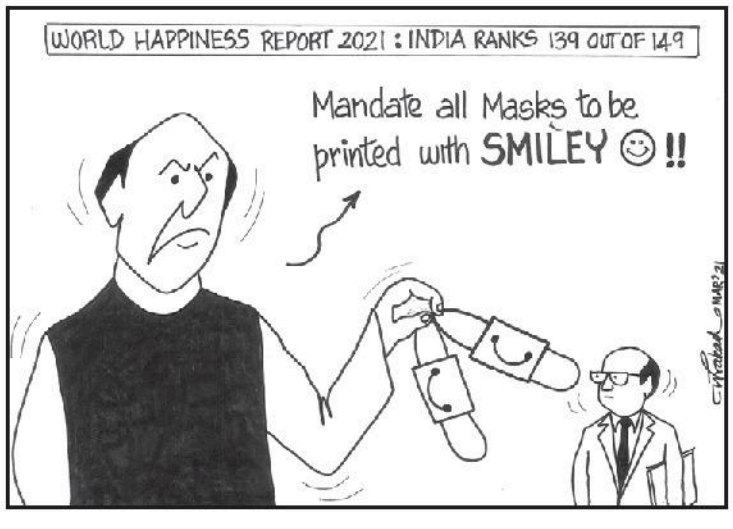
In other transfers, N. Anand, who was serving at Lokayukta, has been posted to H.D. Kote Circle, Kyategowda, who was serving at ACB, to Mandya Rural Circle, L. Srinivas, who was serving at Lokayukta, to Mysuru Railway Police Station, B.R. Gowda, who was serving at ACB, to Maddur Circle, C. Shivananjashetty, who was serving at the State Intelligence, has been posted to Nanjangud Rural Circle and C.V. Ravi , who was under transfer to ACB, as Hunsur CPI.

K.R. Prasad, who was serving as Maddur CPI, has been transferred to PTS (Police Training School) at Hassan, while Puttaswamy, who was serving at H.D. Kote, has been transferred to Karnataka Lokayukta.

T.M. Shivakumar, who was serving as the Dy.SP of CESC Vigilance Squad at Mysuru, has been posted as ACP of Subramanyapura Sub-Division at Bengaluru.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Four arrested

for poaching tiger, leopard

- **Snares, jaw traps, goods vehicle seized; Tiger and leopard skin recovered**
- **Accused had consumed leopard meat after hunting it down**

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&KS)- The Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad personnel have arrested four persons for poaching a tiger and leopard and the Forest officials have recovered the skins of the big wild cats besides seizing snares, jaw traps and a goods vehicle from them.

Shockingly, the accused, after poaching the leopard, had consumed the meat. It is learnt that the arrested are notorious poachers and experts in hunting wild animals.

The arrested are Aruna, Nanjunda and Ravi of Ambedkar Nagar at Nellurpalya in Hunsur and Ramesh, a tribal from Kutteri Hadi near Bhimanahalli.

Accused Ramesh had fixed a snare near the elephant trench at Veeranahosahalli Range of Nagarahole Reserve Forest about six months ago and a well built tiger was caught in the snare the next day and had died. Ramesh, who saw the dead tiger, informed Ravi and sought his help. The duo then transported the dead tiger in the goods vehicle to Ambedkar Nagar, where another accused Nanjunda skinned the tiger and later hid the skin in another accused Aruna's house.

They then transported the remains of the tiger in the same goods vehicle and dumped the same in Lakshmanatheertha River. As COVID lockdown restrictions were in force, movement of people and vehicles were scanty and only goods vehicles were allowed to transport essential commodities, the accused making use of the opportunity continued the crime, according to Forest officials.

During interrogation, the accused had made a shocking revelation that they had poached a leopard about a year back at Hunusekatte, near Tibetan Colony in Hunsur taluk, using a jaw trap. After clubbing the leopard to death, the accused had brought the dead leopard to the house, skinned the animal and consumed its meat.

Acting on a tip off that tiger and leopard skins were stored in the house of accused Aruna, the Forest officials, after confirming the same, had gone to the house of Aruna in the guise of buyers.

After looking at the skins and confirming them to be original ones, the Forest Staff raided the place and arrested all the accused.

Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) A.T. Poovaiah, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Vivek, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) Lakshmish, Nagaraj, Pramod, Sundar, Vinod, Sneha and Meghana, Forest Guards Channabasappa, Virupaksha, Sharanappa, Govinda, Kotresh and Ravikumar and Drivers Madhu and Puttaswamy, took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Illegal transportation of sand

Truck seized, driver arrested, truck owner goes absconding

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (YDS&KS)- A Police team, led by Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) R. Shivakumar, have seized a truck transporting sand illegally and have arrested the driver.

The arrested driver is Manu, a resident of Bannur and truck owner identified as Suresh of Galagarahundi has gone absconding.

ASP Shivakumar, after confirming that illegal sand mining was rampant on the banks of Cauvery River close to Bidarahalli near Bannur, conducted an operation along with Constables Srinivas and Deepu, during which they saw a truck coming and followed the truck till it reached the main road and stopped it. On inspecting the truck, the Police found

that it was loaded with river sand covered with M-Sand and seized the truck and arrested the driver.

ASP Shivakumar said that they had information about two trucks belonging to Suresh was transporting sand illegally and hence, the raid was conducted.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&KS)- Mandi Police, on Mar. 27, have found a body of an unidentified person aged about 55 years in front of Indian Medical Association (IMA) Building on Sayyaji Rao Road and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is 5.5 ft. tall, dark complexioned, oval faced and normal built.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to family sources.

Obituary

Sujatha

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Sujatha (69), wife of Keerthishesha Adishesha and a resident of J.C. Nagar, passed away in city.

A native of Haradanahalli village in Chamarajanagar taluk, she leaves behind two sons, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar, according to family sources.

Malamma Kunnegowda

Nanjangud: Malamma Kunnegowda (90), a resident of Banchalli Hundi village of Chikkaiahnachatra hobli in Nanjangud taluk, passed away in the village.

She leaves behind three sons including Marigowda, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the village burial grounds.

MCC clears footpath encroachments

Hundreds of petty shops cleared on Azeez Sait Double Road using two excavators, two bulldozers and tipper vehicles

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials have cleared hundreds of petty shops that had encroached upon the footpath along the stretch of Azeez Sait Main Road yesterday.

Hundreds of petty shops had come up on both side of the road from Shanthinagar 1st Cross all along the stretch, which was forcing pedestrians to walk on the busy road. As the MCC had received numerous complaints in this regard, the MCC officials, following instructions from MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, conducted the footpath encroachment clearance drive yesterday.

Led by Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and supervised by MCC Zone-8 Assistant Commissioner Shivakumar, the MCC staff using two excavators, two bulldozers and tipper vehicles, conducted the footpath clearance drive from 9 am to 4 pm during which hundreds of petty shops on footpaths were removed.

While a few petty shop owners cleared the shops voluntarily, a few sought time and cleared the shops after sometime and a few others indulged in arguments and disrupted the footpath clearance drive. Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, who intervened, told them that it had become inevitable to clear the petty shops as they had encroached footpaths and warned them against disrupting the drive.

A team of 50 Policemen led by Udayagiri Inspector provided security during the footpath clearance drive. Following clearing of various petty shops, pedestrians are now able to walk on the footpaths which had earlier become very narrow due to encroachment.

Kodava Samaja remembers General K.S. Thimayya

Marking the 115th birth anniversary of General K.S. Thimayya, Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, had organised a simple function at its premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here this morning. Office-bearers of the Samaja offered floral tributes to the portrait of Gen. Thimayya. Samaja President Kekada M. Belliappa, Vice-President Mechanda M. Ponnappa, Secretary Malachira M. Ponnappa, Treasurer Mukkatira B. Jeevan, Joint Secretary Padiyanda Vimala Poonacha and former Presidents of the Samaja were among those present.

Seeking fulfilment of demands

KSRTC employees to stage different modes of protest daily from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (SPN&DM)- The KSRTC employees, who have threatened to launch an indefinite strike from Apr. 7 if all their demands are not met by then, have decided to carry out different modes of protest daily from tomorrow (Apr. 1) till Apr. 6.

The Karnataka Road Transport Employees Federation, in a press note, said that on the first day of the protest tomorrow, employees of all the four State-run Transport Corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, NEKRTC) will attend work by wearing black armbands in a bid to draw the attention of public and the Government.

On the second day (Apr. 2), the staff will prepare coffee, tea, bondas, bajjis etc., and sell them at public junctions and joints.

On Apr. 3, the staff, along with their family members, will form human chains at prominent junctions and circles of all towns and cities. On Apr. 4, the staff will distribute pamphlets and posters among the public on their demands and also launch social media campaigns through Facebook, Twitter etc. On Apr. 5, the staff will stage a dharna and on the sixth day (Apr. 6), they will undertake a mass hunger strike. On Apr. 7, an indefinite strike will be launched if their demands are not met by then. Meanwhile, Federation Hon. President Kodihalli Chandrashekar said, the indefinite stir to be held from Apr. 7 will be withdrawn if the Govt. announces wage revision as recommended by Sixth Pay Commission, with retrospective effect from Jan. 1, 2020.

Swachh Survekshan-2021

MCC undertakes last minute beautification of city roads

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&SSV)- With hardly few hours left for the close of citizen feedback for Swachh Survekshan, the authorities of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) are leaving no stone unturned to make last minute decoration of city to make it beautiful and attractive.

As part of sprucing up, flowerpots are placed on road median to make it presentable. The flowerpots from the MCC maintained nurseries at People's Park opposite to KSRTC Mofussil bus stand, Kuppanna Park and near City Bus Stand, were used to decorate road median in the surroundings of Palace, Hunsur Road and Sayyaji Rao Road.

On Tuesday, flowerpots were put on road median from Mysuru Dairy to Yaraganahalli Circle and Siddartha Layout Road. Over 1,000 flowerpots have been used to decorate road median. This work is jointly done by officers of MCC and Horticulture Dept. They are being watered through MCC water tankers.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag is planning to collect Rs. 400 as park cess from each property owner and Rs. 150 as maintenance and development of burial ground, along with property tax. A portion of amount collected from these two will be used on the maintenance of flowerpots on road median.

The Commissioner has convened a meeting of officers from Departments of Horticulture, Health, Revenue, Non-Governmental Organisations, Associations and Organisations, industrialists and stakeholders, on April 2 or 3 to discuss regarding maintenance of park and flowerpots on road median. A few private companies have shown interest for the maintenance of parks and flowerpots on road median in city.

Concrete road dividers

Meanwhile, the MCC has started the work of installing the concrete road dividers on the busy stretch between Millennium Circle (LIC Circle) and Tipu Circle, to streamline traffic.

Till recently, metal barricades were placed at the main entrance of Mysuru Central Jail. Now, they are being replaced by concrete road dividers.

New flower pots being placed on road medians leading to Tipu Circle. Pictures below show the flower pots, placed near Mysore Palace, already damaged.

Concrete road dividers installed from Millennium Circle (LIC Circle) to Tipu Circle, to streamline traffic. [Pics by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Increase in Corona positive cases due to record RT-PCR testing: DC

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&SSV)- The sudden increase in Corona positive cases was due to ramping up of RT-PCR test and not because of COVID-19 situation going out of control in the district, said DC Rohini Sindhuri.

Rohini Sindhuri

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function this morning, she said it was true that the district was recording 100-plus positive cases daily in the last one week. Hitherto, around 3,500 RT-PCR tests were conducted and now it has been jacked up to nearly 6,000 cases. Naturally, more positive cases were coming to light. The Corona Positive rate was around 1.3 percent to 1.4 percent and it was less than the State average. Even Death Rate has been very much under control, she said.

The DC said that tracing of primary and secondary contacts has been stepped up in the district. As compared to October 2020 situation, there was no shortage of oxygenated beds as 150 beds were available in District Hospital. Even Mandakalli Corona Care Centre will be re-opened from tomorrow where around 650 beds were available. Around 50 oxygenated beds in each Taluk General Hospital were reserved for COVID patients. "It is wrong to note that positive cases are coming from rural areas. Of 100 positive cases, 80 cases belonged to city and the rest to rural areas," she added.

Rohini said that declaring any area as Coronavirus cluster was very difficult as the cases were coming from different places. Last year, they had more number of cases from a factory in Nanjangud which necessitated to declaring it as Corona cluster. The State Government has implemented strict guidelines in the interest of public safety but they were not followed by citizens. People have stopped wearing mask and maintaining social distance. It was unfortunate that citizens expect Police personnel to create awareness on face mask and social distancing.

On *jathras*, public festivals and shandies, the DC said that the State Govt. has already issued guidelines banning congregation of more than 500 persons. But, it was left to the discretion of Tahsildars to take a call on banning festivals which attract more people.

All students are safe

DHO Dr. T. Amarnath said, students of K.R. Nagar Morarji Desai School, Bannur School and another two schools in Mysuru city, who tested positive, were out of danger. In fact, 99 percent of the kids were not required hospitalisation. They have been isolated for two weeks. Contact tracing of parents, teachers and others have been done and subjected them to undergo RT-PCR test. All of them tested negative.

He said vaccination of people above 45 years of age will begin in all vaccination centres in the district from tomorrow. Already, around one lakh senior citizens of the total 2.79 lakh, have been vaccinated.

COVID Care Centre at Mandakalli to re-open from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.31 (SSV)- A full-fledged COVID Care Centre (CCC) which has been established at the Academic Bhavan of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) near Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, will be re-opened from tomorrow following spurt in Corona positive cases in the district.

This facility with 600 bed capacity was inaugurated on July 11 last year to treat COVID-19 positive patients with mild symptoms. It was 'temporarily' closed during first week of November last year after drastic fall in COVID-19 positive cases in the district.

"Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has taken a decision to re-open this Centre from tomorrow. Cleaning and total sanitisation works are going on. Doctors from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and District Health Office will be deployed to treat patients with mild symptoms from tomorrow," said Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) and in-charge of COVID-19 Testing and Report Preparation to *SOM* this morning.

He said over 125 beds are vacant in another designated COVID-19 facility in the District Hospital on KRS Road. As on Tuesday, only 128 beds were occupied as against the capacity of 250 beds. There has been admission and discharge of patients in this facility. There has been steady increase in positive cases especially in the last 10 days with 100 plus cases daily. This has prompted the district administration to re-open the CCC on Mandakalli Road.

Treatment of severe cases at K.R. Hospital

Meanwhile, it was learnt that while patients with mild and moderate symptoms will remain in the District Hospital, all critical cases will be moved to the K.R. Hospital for other medical interventions and investigations which are at present not available in the District Hospital. This is being done to prevent deaths of patients with serious complications, including acute kidney injury.

Even SARI, ILI and pneumonia cases too will be handled at K.R. Hospital. Senior doctors opine that it was too risky to shift critical patients for CT Scan, blood investigations, X-Ray, dialysis and so on. As K.R. Hospital has all facilities under one roof, it has been decided to keep serious cases in this hospital in the interest of patients

Maternity cases to District Hospital

COVID-19 infected pregnant women will be treated at the District Hospital following ongoing renovation work at the Government Maternity Hospital at V.V. Mohalla, a dedicated COVID-19 Maternity Hospital, till recently.

With this, the Maternity and Child Health (MCH) cases will now be moved to the District Hospital with a separate wing being created. Pregnant women catching the infection will be shifted to the designated hospital and deliveries will be performed there. A labour room is being established at the District Hospital.

Vacant plots above 1,000 sq.ft. taxable

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In the last Council meeting, a decision was taken to scrap 'super commercial' category, but bring marriage choultries, theatres and hotels under 'commercial B' that is distinct from the regular 'commercial A'. Accordingly, since taxes for 'commercial B' is high at present, new hike will not come into effect for them and tax structure of 2020-21 will continue for them. However, they will have to pay the pending taxes.

25 percent of market guidance value

Till now, MCC was fixing and revising Property Tax according to 50 percent of market guidance value but this year, 25% of the market guidance value has been taken into consideration so that there is not much of a burden on the property owners. For example, a property with a 20X30 dimension at Kumbarakoppal Cross Road carried a tax of Rs. 777 and as per 50% of the current market guidance value the property owner has to pay Rs. 1,197. But now as 25% of the market guidance value is considered, only Rs. 894 has to be paid. There will be only an increase of Rs. 117, claim MCC officials.

Five percent rebate

This time, there will be no increase in cess and all the previous tax rates would prevail. Vacant sites have to pay cleaning charges as per fixed rates, the MCC notification stated. As every year, the MCC has offered a five percent rebate if the taxes are paid by April 30.

"We have revised Property Tax as per the market guidance value — for areas, layouts, roads, wards — and the notification will be put up at the notice boards of all nine MCC Zonal Offices. Public can contact the Revenue Section Officers at MCC Main Office or even the revenue sections of Zonal Offices for any clarifications," MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag told *Star of Mysore*.

Re-looking into MRC land lease, Govt. tells HC

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On Mar. 15, the Court had directed the State Government to place on record all the Cabinet notes, relevant documents and files regarding the extension of lease of land to MRC. On Jan. 17, 2020, the Government extended the lease land with retrospective effect from July 1, 2016 till July 31, 2046 on a rent of merely 2 percent gross annual income of MRC.

Advocate Umapathi filed the PIL challenging the Government's decision. In his petition, Umapathi said that 139.39 acres of land was leased out to MRC in 1970. The lease was renewed from time to time and eventually expired in 2016. He claimed that lease was contrary to the provision of the Karnataka Land Revenue Rules and resulted in huge loss to the State exchequer. It may be mentioned here that in January this year, the High Court Single Bench of Justice P.B. Bajanthri, while refusing to interfere with the order passed by the Karnataka Information Commission, had held that Bangalore Turf Club Limited, Mysore Race Club Limited, The Institution of Engineers (India) Karnataka State and Ladies Club, are all 'public authority' as defined under the Right To Information Act, 2005.

Property Tax payment online only

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Cleaning charges are levied per square feet and for a plot measuring 20X30, cleaning charge of Re.1 per square feet has to be paid. All the plots above 20X30 have to pay a cleaning charge of Rs. 2 per square feet.

That means, property owners of 20X30 plot have to pay Rs. 600. For a 30X40 plot, they have to pay Rs. 2,400. For 40X60 plot, Rs. 4,800 has to be paid as cleaning charges and for a 50X80 plot, Rs. 8,000 has to be paid as cleaning charges.

"We do not want unclean vacant sites. Unkempt plots not only mar the beauty of the area but also lead to waste dumping. It is also unsafe as snakes and other reptiles take shelter there. After levying cleaning charges, the MCC will clean that particular vacant site once in three to four months and it is our responsibility to maintain them," Nagaraj added.

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Mysore School of Architecture student secures a rank in VTU Examinaitons

Amidst corona pandemic VTU Architecture ranks have brought cheers in the city. A student of Mysore School of Architecture (MSA), Sanjana Srikanth, has secured the 10th rank in the Bachelor of Architecture examinations 2020 held by Visveswaraya Technological University, Belagavi. In lieu of the convocation to be held by the VTU, the ranklist was announced on Monday 29th, March 2021. With a CGPA of 8.38, she is one among the first students from Mysore to have scored a rank in the VTU B.Arch examinations. Sanjana has always been very diligent and focused towards academics and is currently preparing for pursuing Masters in Architecture.

Women achievers felicitated

Women achievers — Women's Arts College lecturer Manonmani, District AYUSH Officer Dr. B.S. Sitalakshmi, retired teacher and writer Kerodi M. Lolakshi and State Women & Child Development Corporation State Director S. Renuka Raju — who were felicitated by Janaspandana Seva Trust as part of International Women's Day celebrations held at Jaladarshini premises on Monday, are seen with Trust President Sudhamani and other office-bearers.

Sarees distributed to tribal women

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&DM)- As part of International Women's Day, the city's Samskruti Women's Sphere, in association with Vishwa Arya Vysya Mahasabha, distributed sarees to womenfolk of Ranganakoppalu Tribal Hamlet located in the fringes of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve in Hunsur taluk, at a programme organised at the hamlet recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Samskruti Women Sphere President Sridevi Bhoopalam said that her organisation will be conducting many programmes shortly in the wake of International Women's Day.

Also, as part of Sparrow Day, school children were educated on the measures to be taken to save Sparrow bird species, which is on the brink of extinction due to indiscreet urbanisation, she added.

Sarees were distributed to tribal women, while children were distributed clothes and hats. The womenfolk were educated on maintaining personal hygiene and on the advantages of using sanitary pads. They were also given tips on scientific disposal of sanitary pads.

Samskruti and Vishwa Arya Vysya Mahasabha Office-bearers — Keerthi Ramesh, Swapna Madhusudhan, Shwetha Swarup, Nanda Lokesh, Shwetha Anand, Poornima Sunil, Archana Basavaraj, Suma Ramesh and others were present during the occasion.

Writer M.B. Santhosh to be feted on April 4

M.B. Santhosh

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RKB&SD)- As part of his 60th birthday celebrations, writer M.B. Santhosh will be felicitated at a programme to be held at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here on Apr. 4.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city recently, Felicitation Committee Hon. President K.P. Manjunath said that Chikka Arakalagud Vishwakarma Sri Sujnana Prabhupeetha Seer Sri Shivasujnana Theertha Swamiji will grace the occasion and senior writer C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK) will inaugurate the event at 10 am.

Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar will release the felicitation volume titled 'Santhosh-Sampriti.'

Kannad scholar and writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj will deliver the felicitation address. Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) will preside.

Writers Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy, M.B. Santhosh and N.C. Mamatha were present during the press meet.

Madiwala women asked to enrol as members of Association

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&DM)- The Karnataka State Madiwala Mahila Sangha has urged women community members to enrol themselves as members of the Association, as it will help them in their empowerment.

Addressing a press meet here on Monday, Madiwala Mahila Sangha Founder-President N.R. Vijayalakshmi Anjanappa said that the community is a backward community in all aspects and as such, women members of the community should become members of the Sangha for the sake of their empowerment.

Pointing out that the Sangha has launched a Statewide membership registration drive, Vijayalakshmi said that the drive is being conducted at the city, taluk and hobli levels in Mysuru district, which has a significant Madiwala population.

Noting that education is vital for development and growth, she called upon the community members to educate their children.

Explaining the objectives of the Sangha, she urged the Government to include the community under SC category.

Sangha office-bearers Bhagyamma, Vasanthakumari, Jayalakshmi, Savitha and Netravathi Srinivas were present during the press meet.

Organisation undertakes cleaning at Khille Mohalla

Volunteers of Swarna Nrisimha Datta Sai Peetika Seva Trust, Mysuru, under the leadership of Sri Arjun Avadoota Maharaj, undertook cleaning of Sri Shankar Mutt and surrounding places at Khille Mohalla in city on Sunday last. The volunteers collected all kinds of garbage strewn in the locality and disposed the same in a scientific manner. The Trust, as part of its social responsibility conducts Sharmadhan every Sunday at various places across the city. Picture right shows the Trust volunteers who undertook the cleaning drive.

CRICKET TALK

By V.N. Prasad

Brilliant catches taken. Lolly Pops floored. Yet, Team India lifts the ODI cup

Over 1.3 Billion hearts started pounding as Natarajan was called to bowl the last over. Quickly, I was reminded of the last over of the finals of T20 ICC World Cup of 2016. England Vs WI at Kolkota. WI needed 19 runs off 6 deliveries. Atmosphere was tense as Ben Stokes bowled to Carlos Brathwaite. World went hysteric as Brathwaite smote 6, 6, 6, 6 to lift the trophy. In this match, Sam Curran was striking the ball beautifully and was well set to stage an upset. But, Natarajan delivered and we lifted the cup.

Earlier, Hardik (2) and Shardul (1) dropped sitters to enable England come so close to victory. Well, it is all nerves in 'Pressure Cooker' games. "If we have to be seen as a top team in the world, we need to perform in times of crises." Alas, that was not to be. On the flip side and in true sporting spirit, we salute the Englishmen for their excellence in all the three formats. Luck was not with them. In the midst of challenging cricket, the DRS added entertainment to the game. We will visit them later.

Historically, track at Pune, Maharashtra Cricket Association, is a 'Belter'. Batting is a pleasure with the ball coming nicely onto the bat; hard for the bowlers to contain runs. A precedent had been set in 2016-17; at the same venue. Batting 1st, England put up a total of 350 in 50 overs. Roy, Root and Stokes piled misery on our bowlers. Eventually, we won the match in the 49th over. Virat scored a brilliant 122 @ 116 S/R and Jadav 120 @ 158 S/R. It was all 'Fireworks' with 55 Fours and 23 Sixes in the match; accounting for 358 runs.

In the foregoing backdrop, it looked that totals only in excess of 350 were defendable at this venue. Towards this, the top order not only had to bat long but also with a well calculated 'Strike Rate.' Recalling the series in reverse chronology is exciting, however.

3rd ODI: Imagine 681 runs scored in a matter of seven plus hours. Bowlers kept twitching their fingers hoping for the batsmen to commit mistakes; and interestingly, top order of both sides not contributing much. India batting first put a good total of 359 on board; thanks to heroic knocks from Pant 78 @ 126 S/R, Hardik 64 @ 146 S/R

India captain Virat Kohli poses with the trophy after winning the ODI series following the third ODI between India and England at the MCA Stadium in Pune. *[Pic. Courtesy: Internet]*

and Thakur's 30 @ 143. Shikar steadied the ship at the top with 67 @ 120 S/R; but unable to get support from Rohit, Virat and KLR.

At 150 for 4, England looked to fold up within 300. But, Malan and Curran crafted a formidable partnership and almost snatched off "Victory from the Jaws of Defeat" as the fortunes swung unpredictably in the last 8-10 overs; thanks to sitters dropped. Ending at 322, they lost by a whisker. Sam's 95 was a treat to watch.

But, the intriguing question is "Did Curran commit a mistake not trusting Wood's abilities" — though Wood batted beautifully in tandem. Surely, they lost 10-15 runs while Curran chose to keep strike.

2nd ODI: Yet another festival of runs — 670 runs in the day. At 37 for 2, our boys created anxiety. But Virat 66 @ 84 S/R and KLR 108 @ 95 S/R did a great job to stitch the inning. For a 'Test Match Cricket,' the partnership was beautiful to watch. The much needed acceleration was missing. Yet, Pant's breezy knock of 77 @ 193 S/R and the explosive knock of Hardik of 35 @ 219 S/R were imposing.

Here arose the comedy of the DRS. Please read carefully. There is something fishy that great minds of the ICC have missed out.

"Pant was adjudged LBW off Wood. The ball raced to the boundary. Immediately, Pant asked for a referral. The ball had flown off the toe of the bat; and Pant was declared 'Not Out'. But, the FOUR RUNS were not granted. Why? As per ICC rule book, the ball is DEAD when he is declared out; notwithstanding DRS. Arrey Bhai, when the decision is overturned, the 'Dead Ball Became Alive' and obviously all that followed accrues to batsman's account."

Let us examine another example. "If the batsman is adjudged LBW, the ball caught in the process and the decision is overturned in the DRS, the 3rd umpire checks if there was a SNICK. If there is a SNICK, the batsman is given out; 'CAUGHT'. HOW? As per ICC rule, the ball is dead at the impact of the pad — because the umpire has declared him out LBW." Sounds ridiculous. Brilliant brains. Huhh.

Anyway, 25 Fours and 20 Sixes plundered mercilessly by the combo of Roy, Bairstow, Stokes and Livingstone in the 44th over were too good to watch as England won the match. Credit to them.

1st ODI: 561 runs in the day was entertaining. Great to watch were the return of KLR to form with a well made 62 @ 144 S/R. Krunal became the first batsman to score 50 on debut and @ 187 S/R. Shikar's 98 @ 93 and Virat's 66 @ 93 did matter but not enough.

In reply, Roy and Bairstow took the wind out of our bowlers hammering 135 for the 1st wicket. Cricket is a FUNNY game. Even the Indian cricket lovers felt sad for the Englishmen as they collapsed from 135 for no loss to 251 all out.

A hard fought series. Fireworks from willows created great colours — in early commemoration of HOLI. Best to all the players over the world who congregate on our lands for the IPL to commence on the 9th of April ■

Expert talks on 'manufacturing and marketing of engines'

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The Department of Master of Business Administration (MBA), GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), had organised an expert talk for the students of MBA at GSSSIETW in city recently.

Kenji Kawamoto, who is associated with Mitsubishi for more than four decades and currently the Managing Director of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries-VST Diesel Engines Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, delivered the expert talk.

He address the students about the current trends prevailing in the industry sector related to manufacturing and marketing of engines by Mitsubishi globally. The theme of the talk was use of variety of Mitsubishi engines especially in the agricultural sector.

Kenji Kawamoto

He acclaimed that he was extremely happy to be associated with Indian conglomerate VST Diesel Engines Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru and shared fact that even three years ago in 2018, Mitsubishi, in association with VST Diesel Engines Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, was capable of manufacturing one lakh engines, which has been exported to various countries abroad.

He also spoke about the quality aspects adopted in manufacturing like Kaizen, Poka-yoke, 5S and quality management system. Majority of the Diesel engines have been exported to US and European countries. The total engine production capacity in Mysuru division is approximately 30,000 units per annum. The engines are vastly used in light towers, tractors, gensets and construction machinery.

Kenji Kawamoto advised the students to work hard to achieve success and also to posses in-depth knowledge in their area of specialisation chosen. He reminded the students that the ultimatum is making others happy, especially the farmers.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, presided over the function and in his address, he gave a brief introduction about the College, MoUs signed with leading industries, funds fetched, achievements of students and faculty members to the guest speaker.

Dr. G. Nagalingappa, Professor and Head and Director, Strategic Initiatives, Dept. of MBA, welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries.

Dr. Aparna J. Varma, Associate Professor, Department of MBA, GSSSIETW, introduced the expert to the audience. Dr. V.K. Jayan, Associate Professor, Department of MBA, GSSSIETW, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Kotresh Patil, Assistant Professor, was the Master of Ceremony.

Skill Training

Applications invited from SC youths

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation, Mysuru, has invited applications from SC (Scheduled Caste) candidates of Mysuru district to provide skill development training under Special Central Assistance (SCA).

Keonics institute will provide technical training to youngsters who have passed PUC and Degree in Accounting and Tally, Computer Programming, Call Centre Training, Computerised Fashion Designing and Tailoring courses.

Interested may obtain the prescribed application forms from the office of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation and submit the filled-in forms before Apr. 15. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2332480, according to a release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Eolian

Pronunciation: ee-OH-lee-un.
Meaning: Borne, deposited, produced, or eroded by the wind.
Origin: When Aeolus blew into town, things really got moving. He was the Greek god of the winds and the king of the floating island of Aeolia. In *The Odyssey,* Homer claims Aeolus helped Odysseus by giving him a favourable wind. Aeolus also gave English speakers a few terms based on his name, including the adjective eolian (also spelled aeolian), which is often used for wind-sculpted geological features such as caves and dunes, and aeolian harp, the name for an instrument that makes music when the wind blows across its strings.
Example: The park is known for its eolian caves—chambers formed in sandstone cliffs by powerful winds.

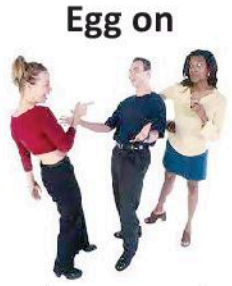
THE ODD WORD

Ebriectionl

Mental breakdown from too much drinking.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Egg on



Meaning: To egg someone on is to encourage them and urge them forward.
Origin: This little term has nothing to do with bird's eggs. Nor is it connected with the phrase that employs the other common usage of 'egg' as a verb, that is, 'over-egg the pudding'. The 'egg' of 'egg on' is a straightforward variant of 'edge', so to 'egg someone on' is to edge, or urge, them forward. Egg and edge both have the look and feel of Viking words and this first impressions turns out to be correct, as they both derive from the Old Norse 'eddja'.
Egg has been used as a verb in English since around the 13th century and appears in print in the Trinity College Homer, in the form of 'eggede', circa 1200. To 'egg on' appears later. It is used in Thomas Drant's translation of Horace - Horace his arte of poetrie, pistles and satyrs englished, 1566:
"Ile egge them on to speake some thyng, whiche spoken may repent them."

QUOTE BOX

Boredom is the dream bird that hatches the egg of experience. A rustling in the leaves drives him away. **—Walter Benjamin**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Back to school.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Vulgar, ill-bred fellow
4 Degree of sorts
7 To __ __ human and forgive divine ? (3,2)
9 Caribbean island - "Au Bar" anagram?
12 Ample
13 Deli item
14 Eye part
15 For a short time
17 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
18 Cranium
20 Cane spirit
21 Memo starter
22 Odisha city
23 Thoughtful
27 Thin rope
28 Mountain range
29 Kimono sash
30 Smudge
32 Feminine pronoun
35 Irish accent
37 Long-haired dog
39 On guard and wary
40 Receding or flowing back
41 Twilled fabric
42 ___ a number : makes a telephone call?
43 Scatter grass
44 Three in Italy

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	N		A	P	S	E		U	Z	I
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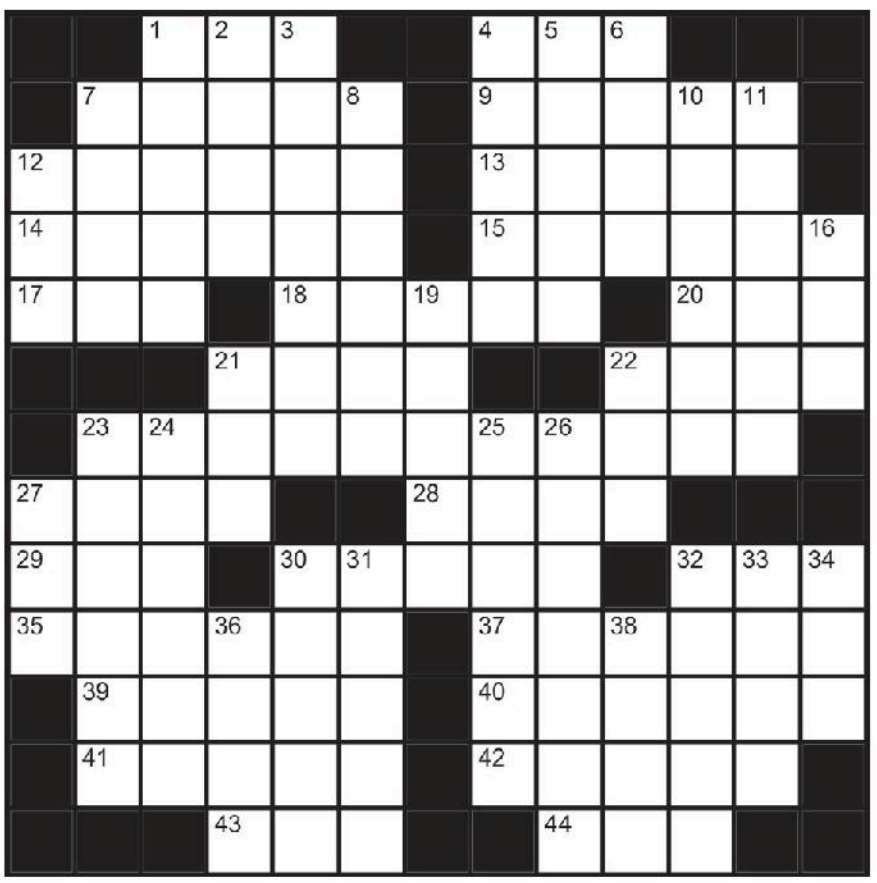
DOWN

1 Hundred lakhs in our country ?
2 ___ Lal : ex-Delhi cricketer now commentator
3 Consumes, devours or masticates ?
4 Husband of Abigail, who refused rightful tribute to King David - "banal" anagram?
5 Engage in net-fishing at sea
6 Grant or Laurie of Hollywood
7 Organic compound
8 Zakir Hussain and John McLaughlin's fusion group
10 Lebanon's capital
11 Entice; appeal
12 Green prefix
16 MGM rival
19 Excessive
21 Besides, also
22 Buddy
23 Venomous creepers ?
24 Baltimore bird
25 Expunged
26 Cheese on toast
27 Adult male swan
30 Marine swell
31 Distributed
32 Steps to help people climb over a fence or wall
33 Poultry farm layers?
34 A little work
36 Gertrude's pet name
38 Ski lift - "brat" anagram ? (1-3)



SUDOKO

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5	9		7					
3				6			5	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	6	4	8	9	1	5	2
1	8	2	6	7	5	4	9	3
9	5	4	3	1	2	6	7	8
2	7	8	9	4	1	5	3	6
3	6	1	8	5	7	9	2	4
4	9	5	2	6	3	8	1	7
8	1	7	5	2	6	3	4	9
6	2	3	1	9	4	7	8	5
5	4	9	7	3	8	2	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UDZ BMWU OBIMEUNYU UDOYV OY FMBBKYOFNUOMY

OW UM DZNE TDNU OWY'U AZOYV WNOC.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS I

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is no remedy for love but to love more.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Rang De (Te)	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Aranya (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Ranam (K)	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Anagha (K)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Saina (H)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm; (S-2) 10.30 am
	(S-3)	3.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Aranya (Te)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-2)	5 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.10 am, 1.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Thellavarithe Guruvaram (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Ranam (K)	(S-2)	1.50 pm
Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Kala (Ma)	(S-3)	10.55 am
One (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 5.45 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-1)	12.50 pm; (S-2) 6.45 pm
Saina (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 3.40 pm
Aranya (Te)	(S-4)	11.55 am
Kaadan (Ta)	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Ranam (K)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Paaru (K)	(S-4)	6.00 pm
Nanna Guri Warrant (K)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
One (Ma)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Thellavarithe Guruvaram (Te)	(S-2)	9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ranam (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 5.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 7.30 pm
Aranyam (Te)	(S-1)	8.45 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 3.40 pm
One (Ma)	(S-2)	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Nanna Guri Warrant (K)	(S-4)	2 pm

PVR

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357088

Roberrt (K)	: 11.25 am 2.35 pm, 6.05 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Aranya (Te)	: 11.10 am
English (Tulu)	: 2.45 pm
Jathi Rathanalu (Te)	: 9.45 pm
Saina (H)	: 9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	: 3.30 pm
Rang De (Te)	: 12.20 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 6.35 pm
Kala (Ma)	: 9.50 pm
Kaadan (Ta)	: 11 am, 6.15 pm
One (Ma)	: 3.05 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor. Mob: 9901357088

Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.45, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm
Hero (K)	: 3.45 pm
Kala (Ma)	: 6.40 pm
Saina (H)	: 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Rang De (Te)	: 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm, 10 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Show empathy on birds, animals during summer: ZAK Chairman

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&SSV)- **Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK)** Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy has appealed to the citizens to feed water to birds and animals due to onset of summer and sudden increase in the mercury level.

He was speaking after filling water to the container hung to a tree on Rama Vilasa Road by Mysuru Yuva Balaga and Devaraja Yuva Brigade here recently.

Mahadevaswamy said, in the changed scenario, everyone must live in tune with rule of land. Since humans are dependent on nature for everything, they must develop social service attitude to protect animals and birds. "We must stop axing of trees and grow more saplings," he added.

He said, trees keep the surrounding areas cool and give the much needed oxygen. Protection of trees was must to conserve the birds' population. In summer, birds and animals do not get drinking water easily. So, the citizens can help by keeping the earthen or plastic pots or containers on the terrace or rooftops to feed water to birds. Giving water to thirsty person during summer was sacred, he noted.

M.N. Naveen Kumar, member, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), regretted over cutting trees in urban areas which has resulted in nature imbalance. Understanding this, members of two youth forums have fixed the earthen and plastic plates on trees on Rama Vilasa Road to feed birds. Awareness on the protection of wildlife and feeding of birds and animals will be conducted for the school and college students.

Neelakanta, Principal, Marimallappa's PU College, Paramesh Gowda of BJP Traders' Cell, Lohit, President, BJP Yuva Morcha-Narasimharaja Constituency and others were present.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds to open 40 stores across country, 16 abroad

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (KS)- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country, has announced the launching of 56 stores globally with 40 across India and 16 internationally in 2021-22 to further boost its retail presence across the country. The move is expected to amount to an overall investment of Rs.1,600 crore and generate 1,750 new jobs.

In India, the stores will be opened in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Kerala. Internationally, the stores will be opened in Singapore, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and UAE.

Speaking about the expansion plan, Malabar Group Chairman M.P. Ahammed said, "In more than 25 years of our journey, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has transformed from a small jewellery retail business to an international player across several verticals including gold and diamond jewellery retail, jewellery manufacturing and multi-retail concepts. Transparency and customer trust are the two key pillars of our business philosophy. With the launch of our expansion plan, we are taking our mission to the next level."

K.P. Abdul Salam, Group Executive Director of Malabar Group, said, "As a responsible business, we are very mindful of our obligations to our societies and our expansion will create an additional 1,750 well-paid jobs."

"Our retail expansion is a part of our strategy to further strengthen our retail footprint in the territories where we have strong presence," said O. Asher, Managing Director, India Operations of Malabar Gold and Diamonds.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 31)

- **Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation, Hyderabad:** Exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha, Hotel Crystal Park Inn, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **The Centre for Canadian Studies, Department of English, University of Mysore (UoM) and Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri:** Valedictory of 2-day National Webinar on 'Gandhi and his thoughts in a challenging world,' UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa delivers valedictory address, Prof. Vijay Sheshadri of Centre for Canadian Studies gives concluding remarks, Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Prof. M.S. Shekar will be present, [Zoom Meeting ID: 96395699416; Passcode: 275049], **4.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 1)

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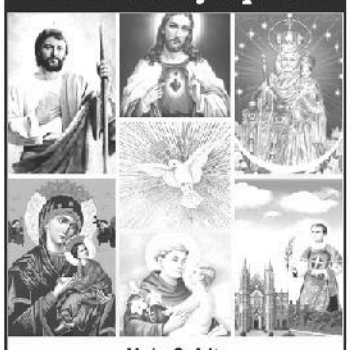
3 Day Miracle Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Holy Spirit,
You who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me.
I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desires may be, I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory.
Amen
You must pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After the 3rd day, your wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be, Promise to publish this dialogue as your favor has been granted.
Lovy vaz

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